

**Andrew Jackson to Rachel Donelson Jackson, March 13, 1816, from Correspondence of Andrew Jackson.  
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**TO MRS. JACKSON.**

Judge Toulmans, 1 March 13, 1816.

1 Near Fort Stoddert. For Judge Toulmin, see p. 9, note 1.

*My Love*, I reached this place this morning in good health, will set out for mobile in a few minutes, by water having sent my horses across by land to the mississippi. I shall make but little stay at mobile, will I hope reach Neworleans in ten days where I shall expect to hear from you.

If you see Genl Coffee say to him I was within a few hours of meeting him at the Cotton gin Port. I will write him at the first stage I stop for a day—in the mean time you may say to him, that from all the information I can collect I am still more inclined to believe that the choctaws have no real claim to any lands East of the Tombigby.

Say to my son if he will learn his Book well his sweet papa, will bring him a *pretty* from neworleans, kiss him for me, and say to him I send him my blessing, say to my young friend Lemuel (who I hope has recovered) that I miss him much, and I have regretted that I left him in franklin indisposed without bidding him farewell, accept of my prayers for your health untill I return, and believe me to be affectionately yours